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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**  
Hideki WATANABE et al. : **Confirmation No. 9260**  
Serial No. 10/820,885 : **Docket No. 2004\_0553A**  
Filed April 9, 2004 : **Group Art Unit 1722**  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR : **Examiner Felisa C. Hiteshew**  
PULLING SINGLE CRYSTAL

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: